

ACTON VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS work frantically to save the Van Merkestein home at 114 Mill St., early last Friday morning. Smoke and flames could be seen all over town in the night sky. In the end, \$62,000 damage had been done, and two people were admitted to hospital. The house is beyond repair, according to Fire Prevention officer Larry Brassard.



THICK BLACK SMOKE hampered firefighting attempts Wednesday afternoon as fire and smoke filled Elissa Shoes store on Mill St. and the Cavic apartment above. Some 40 firefighters from both Acton and Georgetown battled the flames for six hours. \$100,000 damage resulted.

lives could have been lost.

Mr. Holmes said the best

way to avoid this is for in-

dividuals around town to take

it upon themselves to clear

"A few minutes of their time

now could save months,

Damage to the station

wagon driven by Archibald

Harkins of 3 Rosemary Rd. is



CORY VAN MERKESTEIN suffered back injuries when he jumped from the balcony of his burning home Friday morning. He is in Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital.

## Milton prefers chargeback

Halton Regional Chairman

ewer services. Morrow and Regional Treasurer Don Farmer will make a presentation at a spe-

Morrow insists that the new back system. system he is advocating is not equalized assessment. That destiny," added Councillor point was not made clear to Milton Council when the matter was discussed among town

### cial meeting of regional coun- 'Russ Powadiuk as council onted to return the charge-"We should control our own

Jim Kerr. The proposed system would see costs of water and sewer charged against the whole "Those who use, should region, with Milton paying bill. But councillors fear no sewer or water development would ever take place in Milton, as the town is outvoted

> tings. The present chargeback system lets the town pay for water and sewer work in the municipality, and regional councillors are more apt to approve the expense.

21-3 at regional council mee-

at 11 p.m., only 28 hours before another major fire broke out which left a family

smoke could be seen all over No one was hurt in the

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chief Bob Hyde explained the

burning plastics, leathers,

vinyls and rubbers from the

foorwear caused a lot of the

that his expenses up to \$1,500

vouchers are submitted, if

council goes along with a

recommendation from Halton

been changed and rechanged over the past few weeks, from the original flat amount of \$125 a month, that the mayor has been receiving, to the voucher system, to an increase in salary of \$1,000 but a cut of \$1,500 in the expense

The return to the system of

submitting vouchers was

approved by the committee

The Canadian Tire Stores

here and in Georgetown were

nicked with bad cheques to

The fraud was carried out

by using identification of one

person. In each case the pur-chase was of about \$200 in

value, and the cheque was

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identification stolen from

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used in numerous frauds in

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the tune of \$400 last week.

\$400 fraud

on stores

committee.

account.

Mayor's expenses

The mayor will go back to after Councillor Peter Marks

an earlier recommendation suggested an addition to the

a year, be paid only when later voting an expense ac-

count as well.

voucher system.

back to vouchers

blaze. The Cavics are staying with smoke which caused the fire- his brother in Hamilton until fighters so much trouble. The their apartment is fixed up.

salary at the full amount, and

voucher system could not be

### homeless and two people in Chimney fire

on Monday

the time of the fire.

Mr. Cavic was at work at

Firelighters left the scene

Acton Volunteer Firefighters were called to a chimney fire at the home of Cam Fraser, on the Second Line of Erin township just Marks pointed out the south of Ospringe on Monday, reports fire chief Mick Hills finance-administration too much extra trouble since Holmes. However, he said, all staff members have their the fire was almost out by it-The expense account has expenses paid now by the self when firefighters ar-

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Ric Morrow won't receive any support from Milton's three regional councillors when he urges regional council to abandon the chargeback system for payment of water and

councillors Monday night pay," summed up Councillor about 12 per cent of the total

### Feb.—Heart Month March-Red Cross

Mayor Tom Hill The town adopted the policy proclaimed the month of of not paying for publishing the month of March Red Cross Month, at Moday night's meeting of Halton

Hills council. pay for publishing the

they wish it in newspapers

February Heart Month and any proclamations four years

Councillor Pat McKenzie said it bothered him that the town didn't pay for proclama-But both groups will have to tions as important as the Heart Fund and the Red proclamation themselves if Cross, and suggested the policy be reviewed.

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### Chief says save lives dig out fire hydrants Sis foot high snow banks out. In the meantime, a house could have burned down and

and several inches of snow everywhere else have hidden most of the fire hydrants in town, Halton Hills fire chief Mick Holmes says.

Because of this, if they the snow from the hydrants. were needed for a fire, firefighters would have to lose precious minutes locating and then digging the hydrants

A passenger was slightly hurt in a two-car collision on

Main Street South Tuesday

Ljuba Cavlovic of 162 Tyler

morning, February 7.

maybe even years of sorrow," Mr. Holmes said. Rider injured in accident

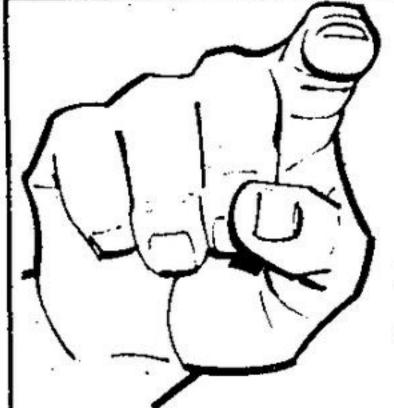
> about \$1,500, police say. Vandals

Ave. was slightly injured as a passenger in the auto driven Vandals smashed numerby Elsie Swackhamer of 227 ous windows of Robert Little Arthur St. Police estimate Public School sometime last damage to the Swackhamer weekend. vehicle to be \$500.

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